

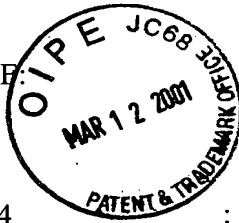
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SIR:

In reply to the "Communication in Response to Submission under 37 CFR 1.42", Applicants hereby submit the Official Certified copy of the Certificate of Heredity of Mr. Duwat, and an English translation thereof.

It is believed that the attached documents fully satisfy the requirements of 37 CFR 1.42 and MPEP §409.01(a).

Accordingly, it is believed that this application should be accepted for further national stage processing without delay. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



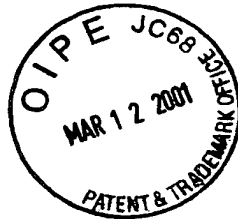
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

REPLY TO COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.42
OFFICIAL CERTIFIED COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF HEREDITY(Mr. Duwat) (English
Translation & French)

Our check in the amount of \$_____ is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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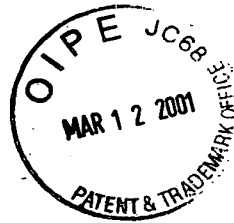


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Marc ANCELIN & François GOBILLOT
Associated Notaries



Please quote references
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Case handled by: Maître GOBILLOT/DA
Estate of Mr Patrick DUWAT

I THE UNDERSIGNED, Maître Marc ANCELIN, Member of
the partnership known as "Marc ANCELIN and François
GOBILLOT, Associated Notaries", maintaining a Notarial
Office in VERSAILLES (Yvelines), 2 Quater, Rue de
Fontenay,

CERTIFY AND ATTEST that the transfer of the estate
of Mr Patrick DUWAT has been established as follows:

The DECEASED is:

Mr Patrick Ludovic Henri DUWAT, in his lifetime a
researcher in biology, residing at MONTROUGE (Hauts-de-
Seine), 144, Avenue de la République, spouse of Mrs
Anne Michèle BRAVARD,

born in SAINT-MANDE (Val-de-Marne) on 16 AUGUST
1964,

died in KREMLIN-BICETRE (Val-de-Marne) on 05
JANUARY 2000,

of French nationality.

Leaving his estate to:

1) Mrs Anne Michèle BRAVARD, Researcher, residing at MONTRouGE (Hauts-de-Seine), 144, Avenue de la République,

born in NEVERS (Nièvre) on 25 September 1965,
of French nationality;

HIS SURVIVING SPOUSE

Married to Mr DUWAT under the law of the community of property, limited to property acquired in common, there being no pre-nuptial agreement prior to their marriage, which took place at the town hall in KREMLIN-BICETRE (Val-de-Marne) on 28 December 1999.

Legally entitled to a life interest in one quarter of the assets constituting the estate, under Article 767 of the Civil Code.

The following persons are entitled to call themselves and act as his sole heirs jointly in respect of the whole or each one severally in respect of one half, save for the rights of the surviving spouse:

1) Miss Charlotte Noémie DUWAT, residing at MONTRouGE (Hauts-de-Seine), 144, Avenue de la République,

unmarried minor,

born in PARIS (15ème) on 15 December 1994,
of French nationality;

2) Miss Coralie Manon DUWAT, residing at MONTRouGE (Hauts-de-Seine), 144, Avenue de la République,

unmarried minor,

born in FONTENAY-AUX-ROSES (Hauts-de-Seine) on 10 July 1997,
of French nationality;

both minors, in the charge of their mother, Mrs
Anne DUWAT, mentioned above;

his TWO DAUGHTERS from his marriage with his
surviving spouse.

WHEREAS such capacities are noted in an affidavit
received by the undersigned Notary, Maître François
GOBILLOT, on 26 April 2000.

Done in VERSAILLES

On 14 SEPTEMBER 2000

[signed]

Marc ANCELIN & François GOBILLOT

Notaire Associé

Successeurs de Mes GAYOT & RIDEL - Etude créée en 1625

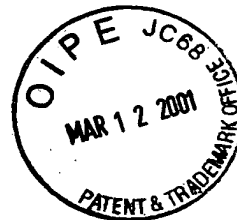
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Références à rappeler
dans toutes correspondances
Affaire suivie par: Me GOBILLOT/DA
Succession de Mr Patrick DUWAT

JE SOUSSIGNE Maître Marc ANCELIN, Notaire associé
membre de la Société Civile Professionnelle dénommée "Marc
ANCELIN et François GOBILLOT Notaires Associés", titulaire
d'un Office Notarial sis à VERSAILLES (Yvelines), 2
Quater, Rue de Fontenay,

CERTIFIE ET ATTESTE que la dévolution successorale
de Monsieur Patrick DUWAT s'établit ainsi qu'il suit :

Le DE CUJUS est :

Monsieur Patrick Ludovic Henri DUWAT, en son
vivant chercheur en biologie, demeurant à MONTRouGE
(Hauts-de-Seine), 144, Avenue de la République, époux de
Madame Anne Michèle BRAVARD.

Né à SAINT-MANDE (Val-de-Marne) le 16 AOUT 1964.

Décédé au KREMLIN-BICETRE (Val-de-Marne) le 05
JANVIER 2000.

De nationalité française.

Laissant pour recueillir sa succession :

1°) Madame Anne Michèle BRAVARD, Chercheur,
demeurant à MONTRouGE (Hauts-de-Seine), 144, Avenue de la
République.

Née à NEVERS (Nièvre) le 25 Septembre 1965.

De nationalité française.

SON EPOUSE SURVIVANTE

Mariée avec Monsieur DUWAT sous le régime légale
de la communauté de biens réduite aux acquêts à défaut de
contrat de mariage préalable à leur union célébrée à la
Mairie du KREMLIN-BICETRE (Val-de-Marne) le 28 Décembre
1999.

Usufruitière légale du quart des biens composant
la succession, en vertu de l'article 767 du Code Civil.

.../...

Et pour habiles à se dire et porter ses seuls héritiers conjointement pour le tout ou divisément chacun pour moitié, sauf les droits du conjoint survivant :

1°/ Mademoiselle Charlotte Noémie DUWAT, demeurant à MONTRouGE (Hauts-de-Seine), 144, Avenue de la République,
Célibataire mineure,
Née à PARIS (15ème) le 15 Décembre 1994.
De nationalité française.

2°/ Mademoiselle Coralie Manon DUWAT, demeurant à MONTRouGE (Hauts-de-Seine), 144, Avenue de la République,
Célibataire mineure,
Née à FONTENAY-AUX-ROSES (Hauts-de-Seine) le 10 Juillet 1997.
De nationalité française.

Toutes deux mineures, sous l'administration sous contrôle judiciaire de leur mère, Madame Anne DUWAT, susnommée.

Ses DEUX FILLES issues de son union avec son épouse survivante.

AINSI que ces qualités sont constatées en un acte de notoriété reçu par Maître François GOBILLOT, Notaire soussigné, le 26 Avril 2000.

Fait à VERSAILLES
Le 14 FEVRIER 2001

SCP ANCELIN & GOBILLOT
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